CHICKASAW COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MINUTES October 30, 2023

The Board convened on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 9:00 A.M. with members Breitbach, Suckow, Kuhn, Cerwinske, Hackman present in the Boardroom on the 2nd floor of the Court House, New Hampton, Iowa. Chairperson Kuhn called the meeting to order. Also present were Auditor Sheila Shekleton, Attorney David Laudner, Bob Fenske, member of the media, Sheriff Ryan Shawver, Terry Johnson, Custodian Dave Gorman, Veterans Affairs Service Administrator Keith Elenz, EMS Director Joel Knutson, Ionia Public Library India Watson, Nashua Public Library Heather Hackman, New Hampton Public Library Carrie Becker, Fredericksburg Public Library Jackie Kush, Lawler Public Library Cathy Humpal, Conservation Director Chad Humpal, EMA/911 Director Jeff Bernatz

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Breitbach to approve the agenda for October 30, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve the meeting minutes from October 23, 2023. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

No public comment.

Discussed flagpole at the EMS Building with Custodian Dave Gorman and no action was taken.

Discussed light in carport with Veterans Affairs Service Administrator, Keith Elenz and consensus of the board to approve a motion light at the Heritage Center where the carport is and to have it paid out of the Heritage Center budget.

There were no sealed bids for the retired election boxes.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to approve discarding or recycling the retired election boxes. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Chickasaw County Librarians gave a presentation, "What we do".

Chickasaw County Librarians requested for FY 24-25 Budget allocation a 6% increase from Rural Services Basic.

Discussed adding Sergeant positions at the Sheriff's office with Sheriff Ryan Shawver and it was decided to wait till Union Negotiations.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to approve the 2023 Weed Commissioner's Report and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to approve HLW Engineering Group contract for services to Chickasaw County related to completion of the planned Environmental Covenant and on-going compliance services related to the future Environmental Covenant for the landfill dated October 24, 2023 and authorize chair's signature. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Cerwinske to pay for the HLW Engineering Group contract out of fund 0033, Landfill Post Closure. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Suckow to enter closed session under section 21.5(1)(J) to discuss the potential sale or purchase of real estate at 10:00 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Suckow, Breitbach, Cerwinske, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to exit closed session under section 21.5(1)(J) to discuss the potential sale or purchase of real estate at 10:27 A.M. Roll Call: Ayes; Hackman, Breitbach, Suckow, Cerwinske, and Kuhn. Motion Carried.

Action taken out of closed session.

Motion by Hackman, seconded by Breitbach to direct Attorney Dave Laudner to ask Mike Franke to extend purchase agreement for real property (potential tower site) to March 31, 2024. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion centered on the ownership of Nashua Dam and power plant in Nashua. The information provided, included a deed and a portion of the 1987 agreement between Iowa Public Service Company (IPSC) and City of Nashua resulting in ambiguous language and differing opinions on ownership. Nashua City Attorney will be preparing a corrective deed to clean up the legal description of the property in question.

Discussed EMS Building Improvement Project bid process and the bids are due, Monday, November 27, 2023 by 9:00 AM.

Committee Assignments Supervisor Cerwinske-October 23- Pathways

Supervisor Hackman - October 25- County Social Services

Supervisor Kuhn - October 25-EMA & 911 Service Board

Motion by Suckow, seconded by Cerwinske to adjourn at 11:07 A.M. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carried

Matthew Kuhn, Chairperson

Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Sheila Shekleton, Auditor

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